The State Governments have been issued rules and guidelines to enable them to furnish all information to facilitate expeditious clearance of proposals under the Act.

(b) Does not arise.

Deaths caused due to smoking

275. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer of Unstarred Question No. 40 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th August, 1991 and state:

(a) what is the yearly average of deaths occurring due to diseases caused by smoking in the country during the past three years till date; and

(b) what steps are being taken by the Government to reduce the use of tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) It is estimated that in this country about 8 lakhs people die every year due to tobacco related diseases.

(b) Government have enacted the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production: Supply and Distribution) Act, 1975" under which it has been made mandatory to include a statutory warning "Smoking is injurious to health" in all advertisements on cigarettes.

Administrative instructions have also been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected places like hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, air conditioned chair cars and sleeper coaches in trains, air conditioned buses etc.

Besides, various health education measures are being undertaken to educate masses about the harmful effects of tobacco usuage.

Setting up of a high level committee for examining financial

276. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a high level committee to examine all espects of financial system of the country;

(b) if so, what are those aspects and the terms of reference, if any, for the committee;

(c) what are the names of the Chairman members of the committee; and

(d) by when the committee will submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have set up a High Level Committee to examine all aspects relating to the structure, organisation, functions and procedures of the financial system. The terms of reference of the Committee are given in the student attached.

(c) The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Shri M. Narasimham;	Chairman
2.	Deputy Governor' RBI (Banking Operations)	Member
3.	Chairman' State Bank of India	Member
4.	Chairman' IDBI	Member
5.	Chairman' ICICI	Member
6.	Shri Manu Shroff	Member
7.	Shri Y.H. Malegam	Member
8.	Shri Mrinal Datta Chaudhuri	Member
9.	Additional Secretary (Banking)	Member-Secretary

(d) The Committee has been asked to submit its report by 15th November, 1991.

Statement

The Terms of Reference:

(i) To examine the existing structure of the financial system and its various components and to make recommendations for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the system with particular reference to the economy of operations, accountability and profitability of the commercial banks and financial institutions.

(ii) To make recommendations for improving and modernising the organisational systems and procedures as well as managerial policies;

(iii) To make recommendations for infusing greater competitive vitality into the system so as to enable the banks and financial institutions to respond more effectively to the emerging credit needs of the economy;

(iv) To examine the cost, composition and adequacy of the capital structure of the various financial institutions and to make suitable recommendations in this regard.

(v) To review the relative roles of the different types of financial institutions in the financial system and to make recommendations for their balanced growth;

(vi) To review the existing supervisory arrangements relating to the various entities in the financial sector, in particular the commercial banks and the terms lending institutions and to make recommendations for ensuring appropriate and effective supervision;

(vii) To review the existing legislative framework and to suggest necessary amendments for implementing the recommendations that may require legislative change;

(viii) To make recommendations on any other subject matter as the Committee may consider germane to the subject of enquiry or any related matter which may be specifically referred to the Committee by the Government of India.

Use of media to prevent AIDS

277. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assistance has been sought from World Bank for fighting AIDS;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to use television and other media to prevent the spread of AIDS; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARATHA) (a) Yes. The World Bank has agreed in principle to provide assistance to control the spread of AIDS in the country.

(b) and (c) Yes. The Central Health Education Bureau has been producing various types of education material on AIDS and utilising them for public education through T. V., Radio, Newspapers, Cinema Slides, Exhibitions, hoardings, Bus Panel, Kiosks and Documetary Films.

Pending river projects of Andhra Pradesh

278. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the River projects which are pending before the Ministry of Environment and Forests for clearance from Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be cleared?